

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 12, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Dennis Drake at 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2011, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

*The Spectrum* was not represented at the meeting.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for June 22, 2011, through July 12, 2011
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2011, and Special Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2011
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatements:  
Robin Dittmer, S/N I-ISMH-41; Lorraine Avery, S/N SG-SFTH-4-66; Bernice Hallman, S/N SG-CARC-B-24; Annette Marler, S/N SG-RVC-3-16; and Paul Wayne & Deon Reed, S/N SG-MHS-3-36
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes:  
Marie F. Mills, S/N WHS-20-SW
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments for Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments for Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Request for Consent to Stock Transaction between Global TelLink Corporation (GTEL) and Value-Added Communications (VAC) for Purposes of Telecommunications Contract between Washington County and VAC
- Consideration of Renewal of Contract for Services between the State of Utah Department of Human Services and Washington County for Drug Court FY 2011-2012
- Consideration of Renewal of Imaging Software Contract with Pictometry International Corp. for Three Year Contract 2011-2013/ Assessor's Office

- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Ordinance No. 2011-1009-O on Saturday, June 11, 2011, and Ordinance No. 2011-1010-O on Saturday, June 25, 2011

**Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting / None**

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT / SHERIFF CORY PULSIPHER**

Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher reported one call-out this month for the Search and Rescue Team: a pair of stranded hikers in the Boundary Canyon area outside Zion National Park. It was a successful retrieval, with one hundred forty-four (144) hours donated on that call.

Sheriff Pulsipher also indicated that the Sheriff's Office has been attempting to put together a Swift Water Rescue Team for several years. They have been trying to find funding sources for much of the specialized equipment. Findlay Group, a local business, just sponsored a golf tournament on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and donated four thousand, five hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$4,528.00) toward the purchase of equipment and training. Findlay has indicated it will hold another tournament next year for this reason. The financial goal is to reach eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00). Homeland Security may contribute some funds towards this project, as well.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL**

The Volunteer Center of Washington County was represented today by Julie Duckett, the Foster Grandparent Coordinator, who presented Mr. John Gordon as the Volunteer of the Month. Mr. Gordon has been with the Volunteer Center since 2007 in various capacities, such as working at Bloomington Hills Elementary School and Heritage Elementary School, helping students with their reading skills.

The Commission expressed gratitude toward Mr. Gordon and all of the volunteers who donate their time in Washington County to help others.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1575, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION OF FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**

Administrator Dean Cox said that this is the ratification of the contract between the State of Utah and Washington County for the Office of Recovery Services (ORS), which will be leasing the entire first floor of the new Justice Center.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2011-1575, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Lease Agreement Between The State Of Utah Department Of Administrative Services Division Of Facilities Construction And Management And Washington County For The Washington County Justice Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1576, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A FILING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ZIONS BANK**

Mr. Cox said that because Build America Bonds were used for the new Justice Center, the County has to file paperwork with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ninety (90) days before the bond payment is due in order to receive a rebate of thirty-five percent (35%) of the total interest cost. This agreement provides for Zions Bank to ensure that this is done in a timely manner each year, for an annual cost of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2011-1576, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Filing Agreement Between Washington County And Zions Bank. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1577, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR PINE VALLEY PROPERTY GRANTED FROM DEMAR LC TO THE VIRGIN RIVER LAND PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Table Resolution No. R-2011-1577, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Deed Of Conservation Easement For Pine Valley Property Granted From DeMar LC To The Virgin River Land Preservation Association And**

**Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1578, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner Eardley, who sits on the Library Board, presented the names of Marilyn Richardson and Travis Marker for consideration to fill two (2) vacancies on the Board. Commissioner Gardner expressed appreciation to Jeff McKenna and Susan Hancock for their years of service.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2011-1578, A Resolution Appointing Marilyn Richardson and Travis Marker To The County Library Board Of Directors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1579, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Gardner thanked Krista Black for her years of service on this Board and recommended the appointment of Josh Little as her replacement.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2011-1579, A Resolution Appointing Josh Little to The Washington County Economic Development Executive Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Gardner reported that the Recorder's Office in Washington County has just recorded over one hundred and fifty (150) "D" Roads, which represents approximately one-third of all the "D" Roads. This has been a long process, with many different County departments involved, and the recordation that occurred today is a significant advance in that process.

Additionally, all Commissioners are traveling to Portland, Oregon, next week for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference. Commissioner Gardner serves on the Public Lands Subcommittee; Commissioner Drake serves on the

Environmental Energy and Land Use Subcommittee; and Commissioner Eardley serves on the Transportation Subcommittee. All of the committees are of vital importance to issues concerning Washington County.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ROAD BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS**

Mr. Cox updated the Commission on the Courthouse Plaza remodel project, which is progressing nicely.

Further, he asked for Commission approval of the annual Forest Service Contract with Washington County for routine maintenance of the road systems in the unincorporated areas of the County. This contract was covered in Resolution No. R-2011-1573, which was tabled on June 21, 2011.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2011-1573, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.**

**Request a Closed Session**

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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CHRISTINE S. HALL  
DEPUTY CLERK

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DENNIS DRAKE  
CHAIRMAN